

Application Serial No. 10/656,575
Reply to Office Action of March 28, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shibahara, i.e., U.S. patent number 5,526,012. The Examiner admitted that Shibahara does not disclose the claim 1 step of converging pixel voltage to a common voltage level but the Examiner nevertheless rejected claim 1, stating that it would have been "obvious to [converge] the pixel voltage...to a common voltage so that...pixel data [could] be erased before applying...new data to the pixel electrode."

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shibahara in view of Kusafuka et al., i.e., US patent number 5,995,074.

Claim 1 as amended now recites that the transition voltage of the 3rd level is selected "according to the rise time and fall time of the liquid crystal." Thus, the rise time and fall time of the liquid crystal can be determined by where the 3rd voltage level is set. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in the specification as filed on page 11, lines 19-21. No new matter has been added. Moreover, the Applicant submits that Shibahara does not show or suggest a 3rd level transition voltage that is set to establish the rise time and fall time of a LCD display, thus, claim 1 as amended avoids Shibahara and is in condition for allowance. Since claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance, claims that depend from claim 1 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

New dependent claims 4-8 are presented for examination. Since the claim count remains less than that covered by the basic filing fee, no additional fee is required for new claims 4-8. These claims further limit claim 1.

Support for new claim 4 can be found on page 11, lines 21-24. Support for new claim 5 can be found on page 11, lines 16-18. Support for new claim 6 can be found on page 10, lines 17-19. Support for new claim 8 can be found on page 12, lines 1-10. No new matter has been added.

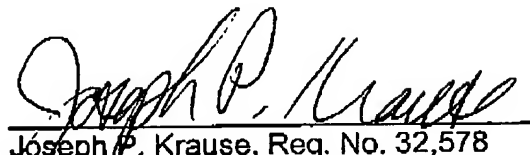
Since the Applicant has distinguished claim 1 from the art cited by the Examiner, claims 1-3 and new claims 4-8 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the pending claims is therefore respectfully requested.

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